Course Description
Taken with fieldwork placement, this course integrates understanding of basic psychoanalytic psychopathology - including the vicissitudes of primitive conflicts and defenses - with student experiences of observing patients in mental hospitals or other placement settings. All aspects of the fieldwork placement experience, from administrative procedures to interacting with patients, are discussed in this seminar.

Objectives
The student will able to:

- develop a working knowledge of modern psychoanalytic theory through:
  - establishing a rudimentary relationship with three patients in the field work setting; and
  - observing and describing how each patient speaks (and behaves) to communicate his/her dynamics in terms of transference and resistance; and
  - listening and becoming aware of patient’s dynamics and how each patient speaks to present these dynamics through symbolic communication.
- identify and articulate countertransference reactions experienced with each patient.

Method of Evaluation
- Ongoing presentation of cases throughout the three semester course
- Personal logs (written in class)
- Participation in class process
- Fieldwork placement forms, submitted weekly
- Final paper (see below)

Texts


Final Paper – due Class 9
Describe the process of establishing a relationship with one of the patients you are observing. Include a description of how the patient speaks (and behaves) to communicate his/her dynamics in terms of transference and resistance. How does the patient speak to present his/her dynamics through symbolic communication? Identify and describe counter-transference reactions experienced with the patient.
Assigned Readings

Class 1

Class 2

Class 3

Class 4

Class 5

Class 6

Class 7

Class 8

Class 9

Class 10

Class 11

Class 12
Additional Recommended Readings

History


